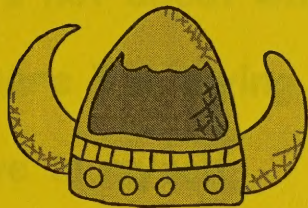


In Our Own World

Power**Purpose** Pride



Vailsburg Middle School

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Class Of 2005

Name _____

Choices

Life is about CHOICES

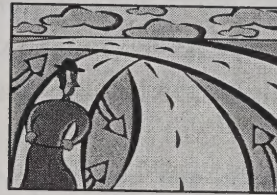
It's not about where I've BEEN

It's not about where I AM

It's about where I'm trying to go because. . .

I believe in myself

And I am SOMEBODY



I will demonstrate RESPECT,

RESPONSIBILITY,

And work hard to the BEST of my ABILITY

I AM, I CAN, I WILL

Make the right CHOICES

A. Malloy

Congratulations & Best Wishes!

Mr. Brewster
Principal

Lynch

Principal's Message



Dear Graduates of the class 2005:

As you leave VMS I want to offer you this advice on meeting life's challenges. The author of these words is unknown: When you run from challenges you rewarded only with excuses and regrets. By contrast, when you seek out and confront challenges you are rewarded with success and accomplishment.


The sooner you confront your challenges , the more positive the outcome will be . It will always be an effort. That 's the essential nature of challenge. But the longer you put it off, the more you run from it, the worse the necessary effort will eventually be.

Stand up, step forward and walk out to meet your challenges. Put yourself in a position of strength. Put yourself in a position where you can gain from your own efforts. Be aggressive at meeting challenges and you'll make the most of them.

What challenges can you face head on and conquer today? It's out there, & when you go out to meet it you'll be moving yourself positively forward

Congratulations & Best Wishes!

Mr. Brewster
Principal



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Our 8th Grade Vice Principal



Eighth Grade Message from T. Boler

The middle school experience is a very difficult time in a young persons life. The student experiences growth in several areas unrelated to academics. There is social, physical and biological growth. This process reaches its pinnacle in the eighth grade. Our students enter our doors as children and leave as young women and men. We hope that we have successfully assisted them in this transformation for only time will tell. We are beginning to produce a better quality student at Vailsburg Middle School not merely in terms of academics but also in development of a sound moral character. The majority of our students will make a significant contribution to their people and society. We are just thankful and humbled by the fact that we ha something to contribute to the process.

Our generation must do much better in supporting and developing you. We have been very self-ish. Many of us have forgotten about you. Most of us do not share that very precious commodity known as "time" with you. **The true measure of a person is not how fast they can run or how much they own. A person is measured ultimately by how he/she has helped others. And it is only when that time is well spent will one's effort be rewarded with an appreciative 'Thanks'.**

The true purpose of education is to train a student to handle power successfully. Power and self- identity go hand and hand. The least any educational system should do is teach a student a knowledge of him/herself beginning with one's proper cultural status. A student should leave an educational institution knowing who they are. If this has not been achieved the student is not properly educational has failed its primal mission

T. Boler

Our 6th Grade Vice Principal



To the VMS Eighth Grade Graduates of 2005:

" Every morning in Africa,
A gazelle wakes up, it must run faster than the
fastest cheetah, or it will be killed.

Every morning in Africa

A cheetah knows it must outrun the slowest gazelle
or it will starve to death. It does not matter if
whether you are a gazelle or a cheetah, when the
sun comes up, you'd better be ready, and running!!"

You have just completed a challenging and an important
transition of your journey in life-Middle School. Good
luck to all of you, as you continue traveling on your
life's road. Please remember that life is about choices
and this road will not be easy to travel. There will be
many bumps, ditches, forks, and stumbling blocks along
the way. Keep your head high, your mind focused, and
go forth and conquer , and always make sure you are
ready, and running...

Peace and Blessings

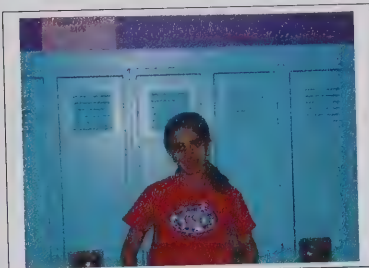
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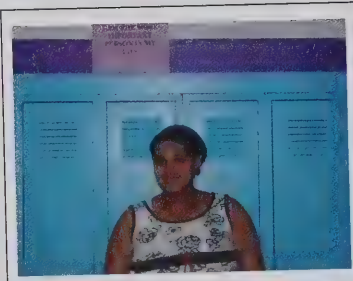
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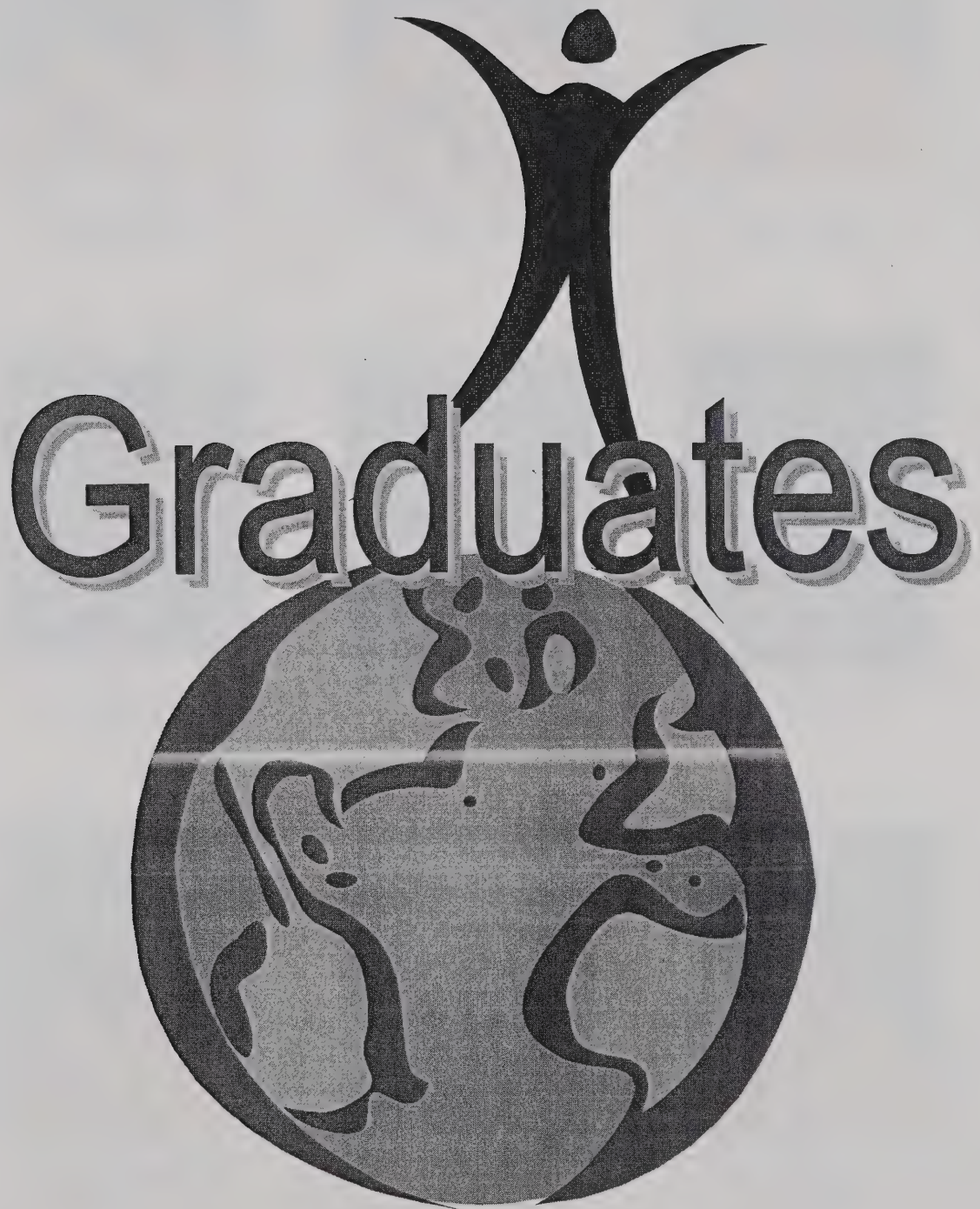


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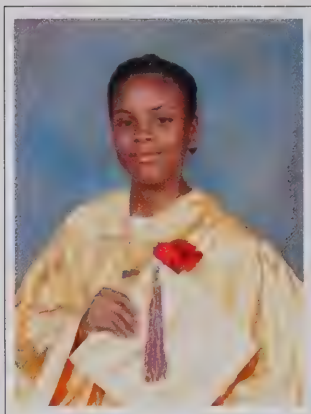
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Mrs. Caldwell





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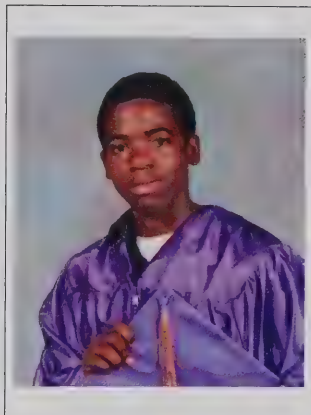
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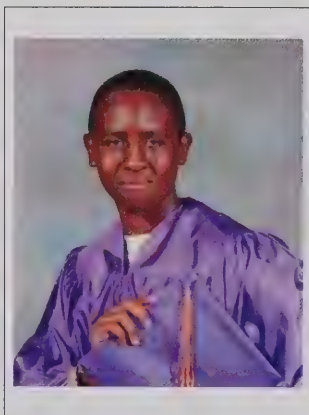
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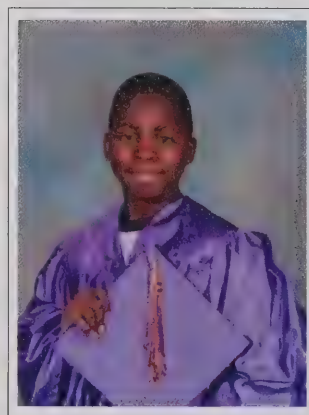
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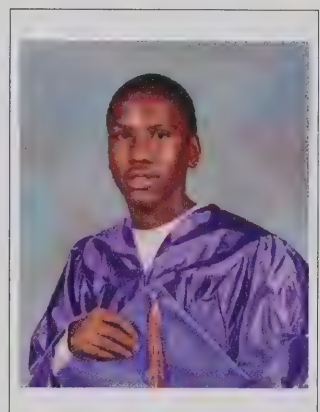
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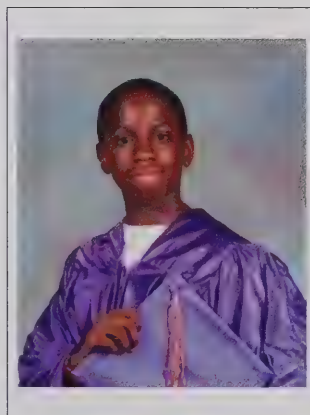
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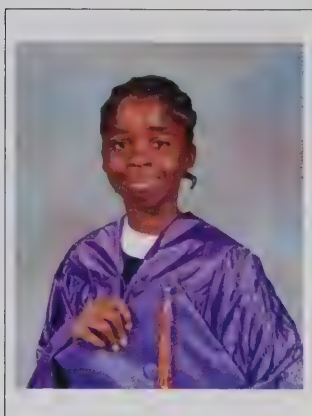
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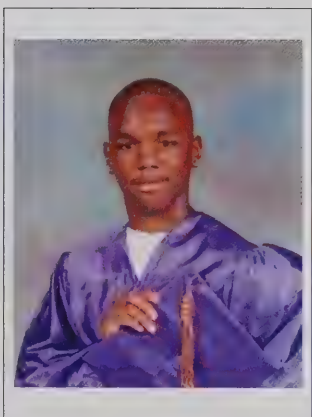
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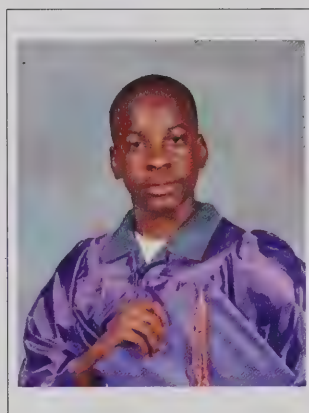
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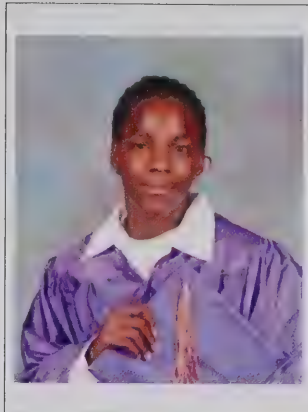
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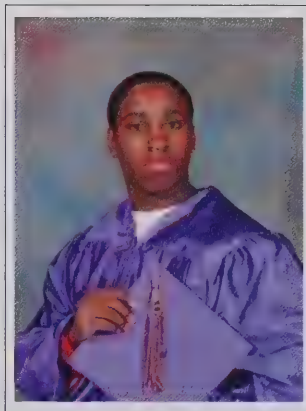
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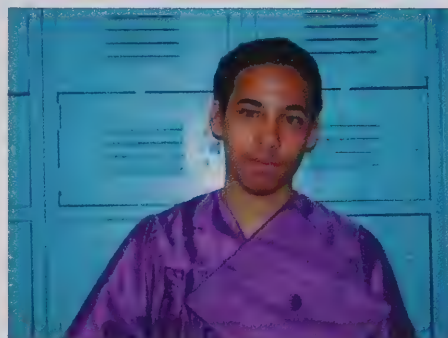
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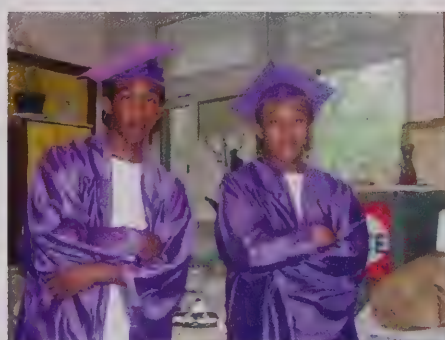
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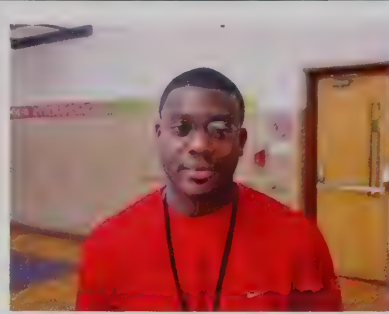
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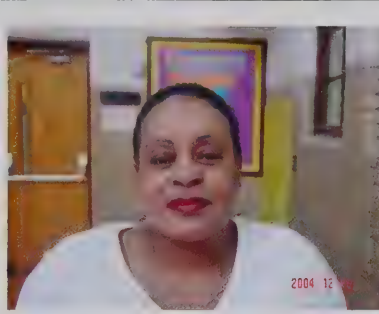
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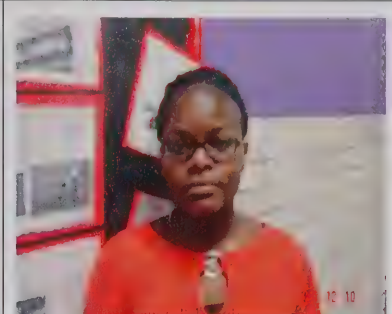
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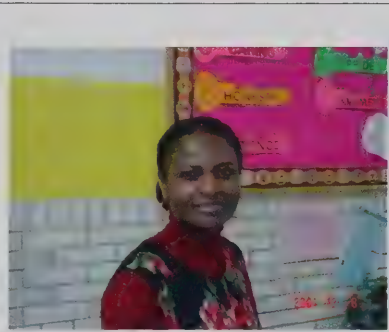
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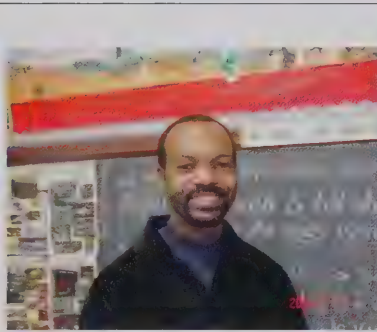
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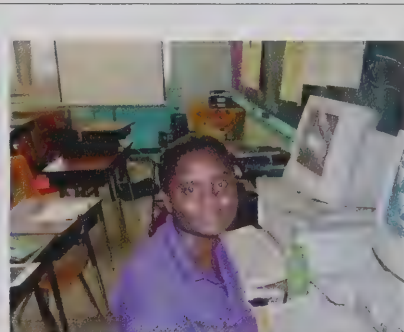
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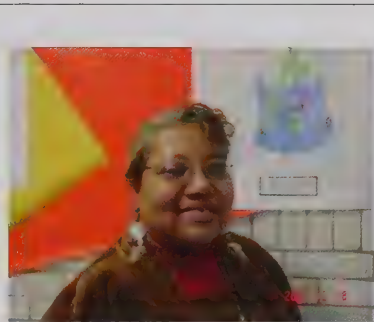
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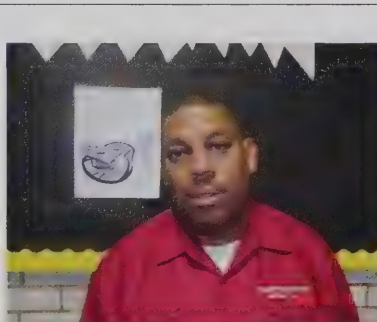
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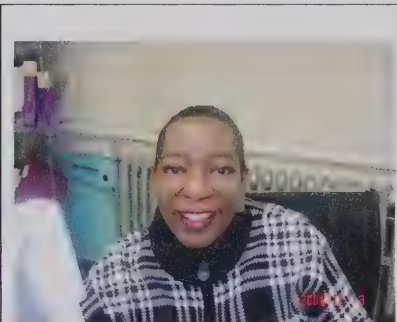
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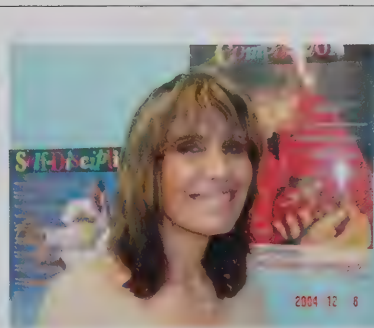
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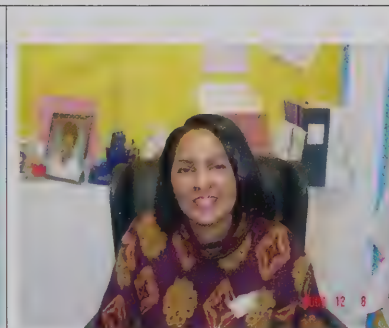
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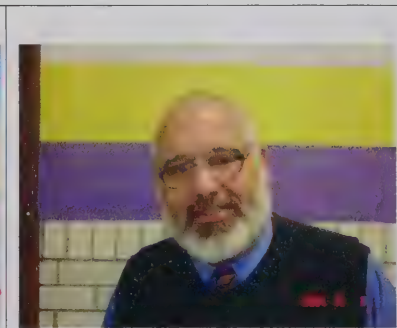
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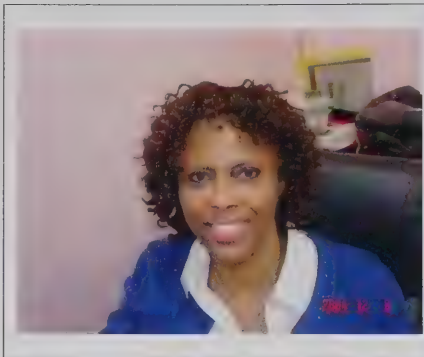
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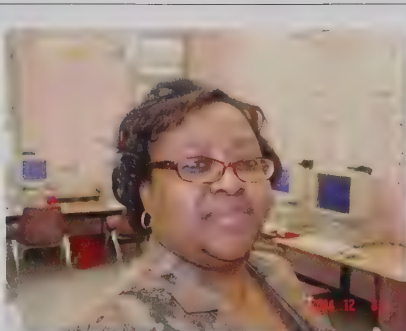
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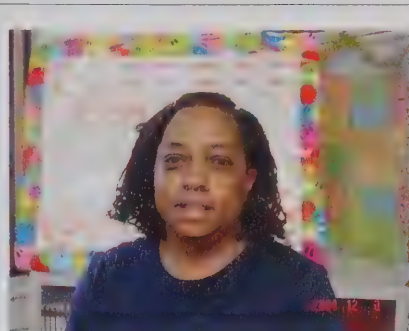
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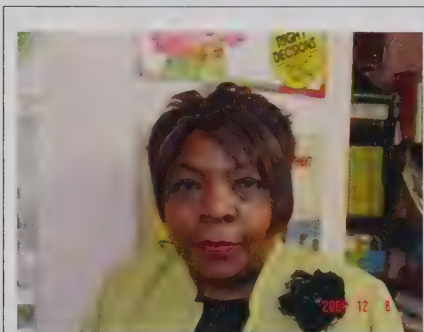
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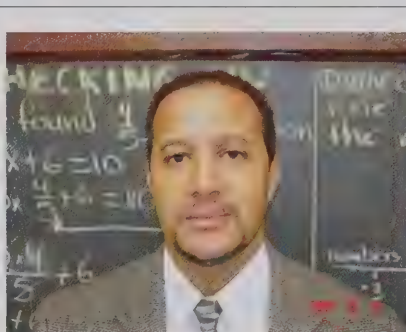
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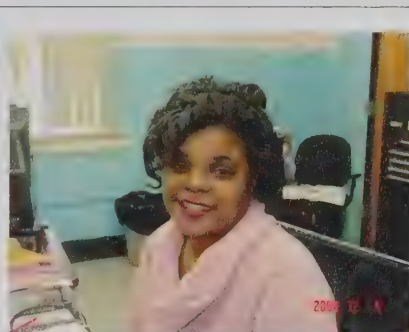
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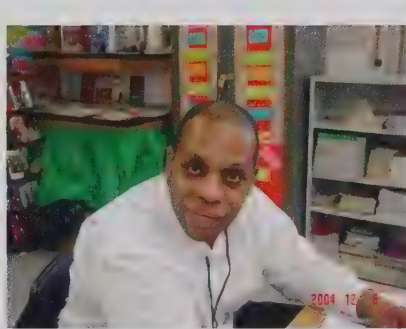
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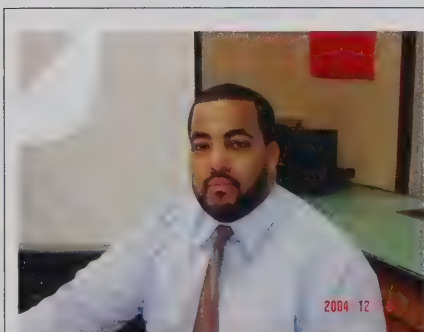
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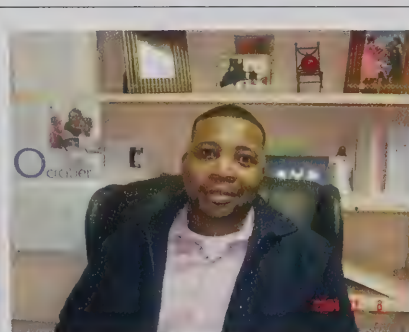
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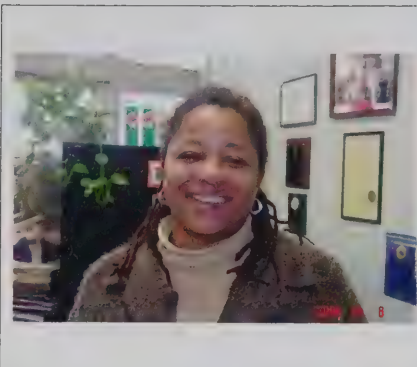
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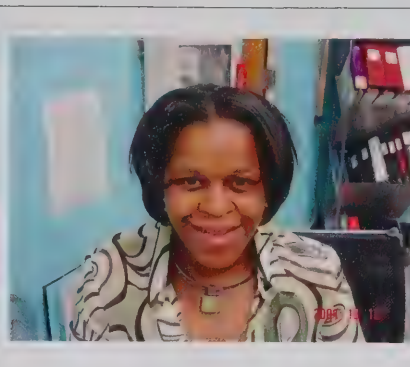
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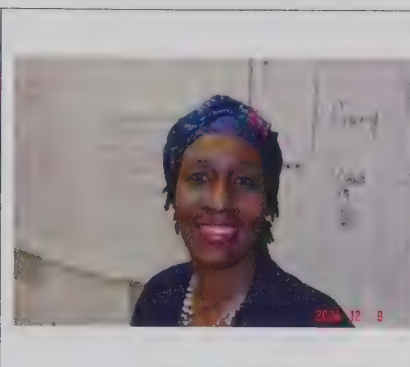
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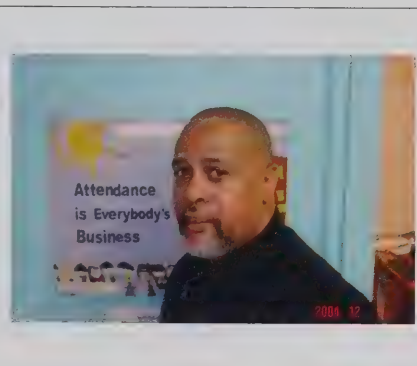
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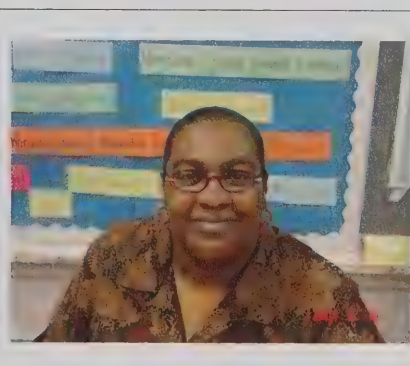
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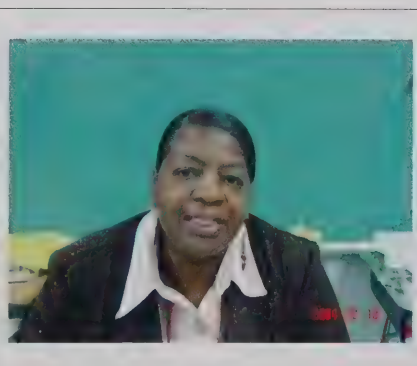
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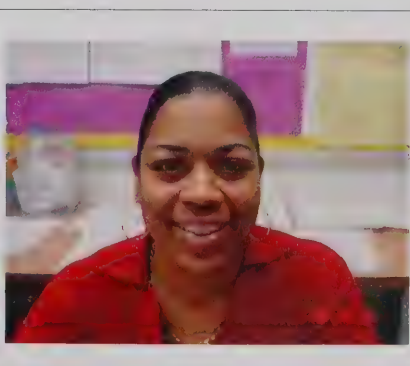
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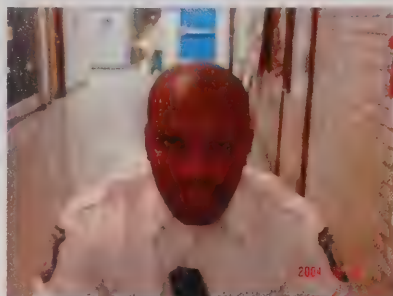
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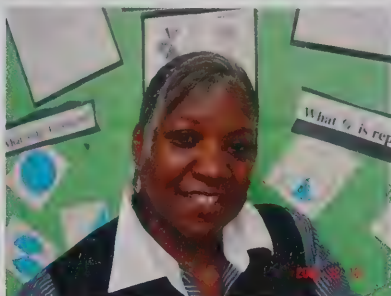
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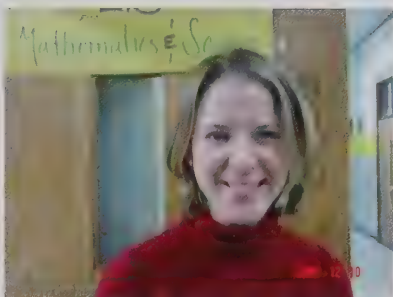
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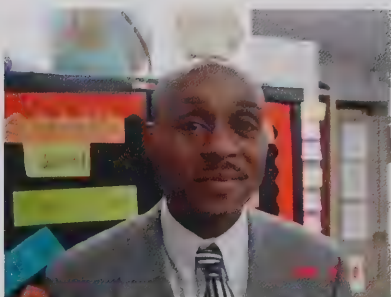
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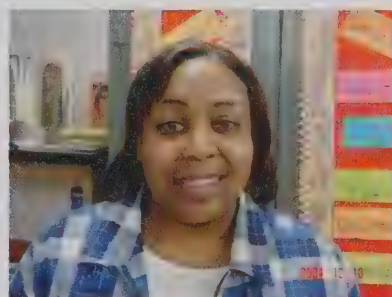
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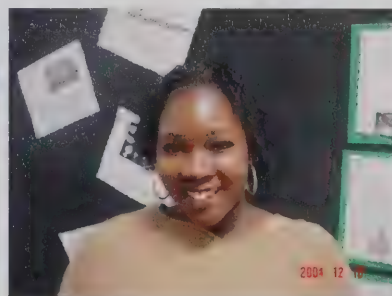
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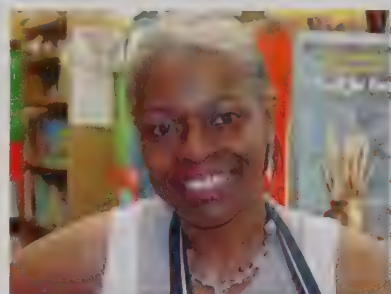
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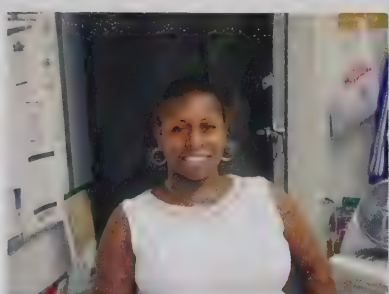
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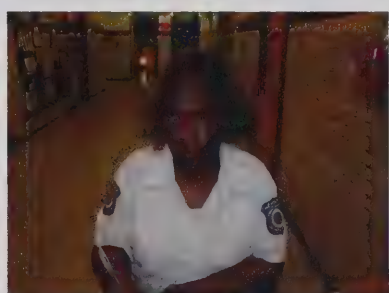
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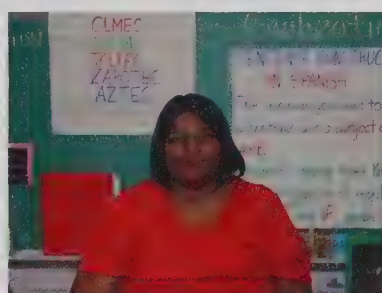
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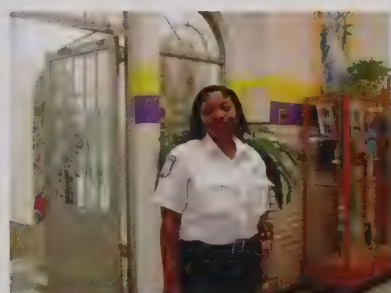
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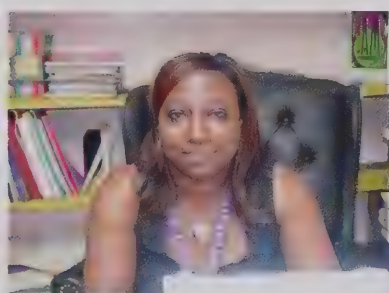
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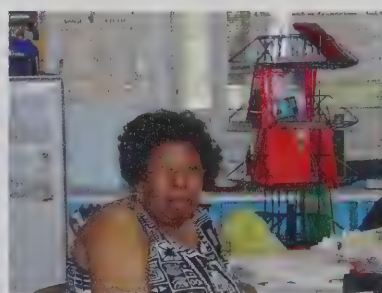
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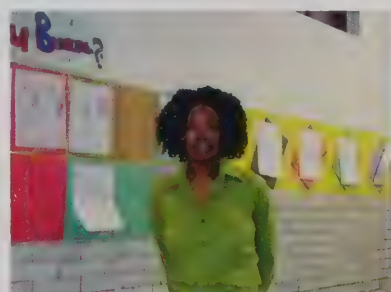
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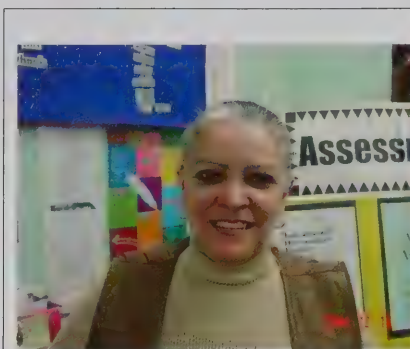
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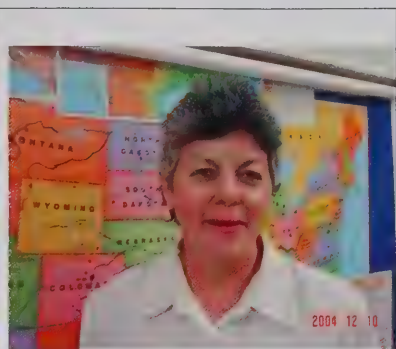
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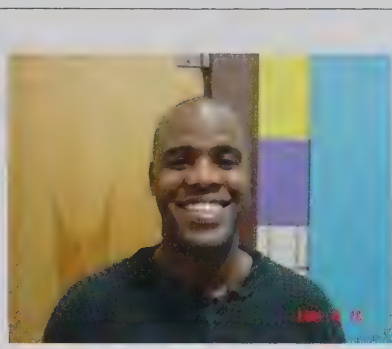
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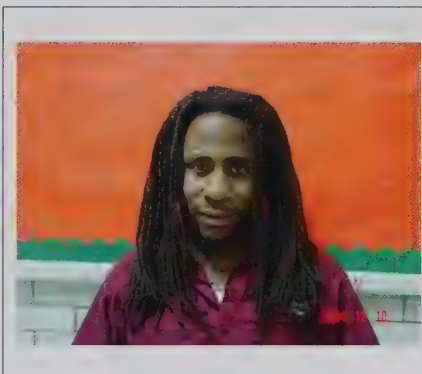
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Bilingual



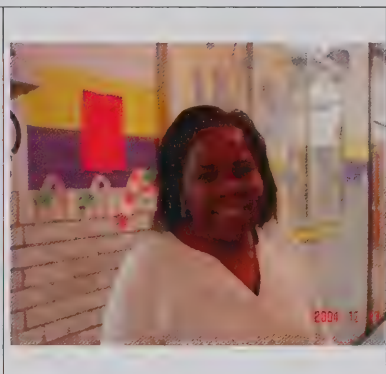
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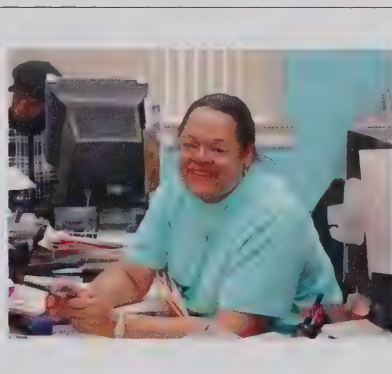
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6th grade Math



Mr. Perkins
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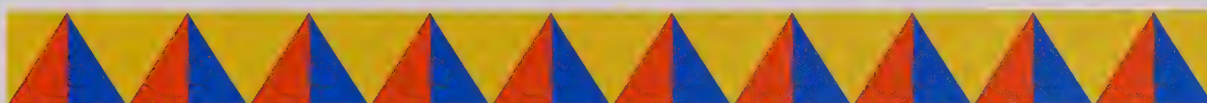
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Social Worker



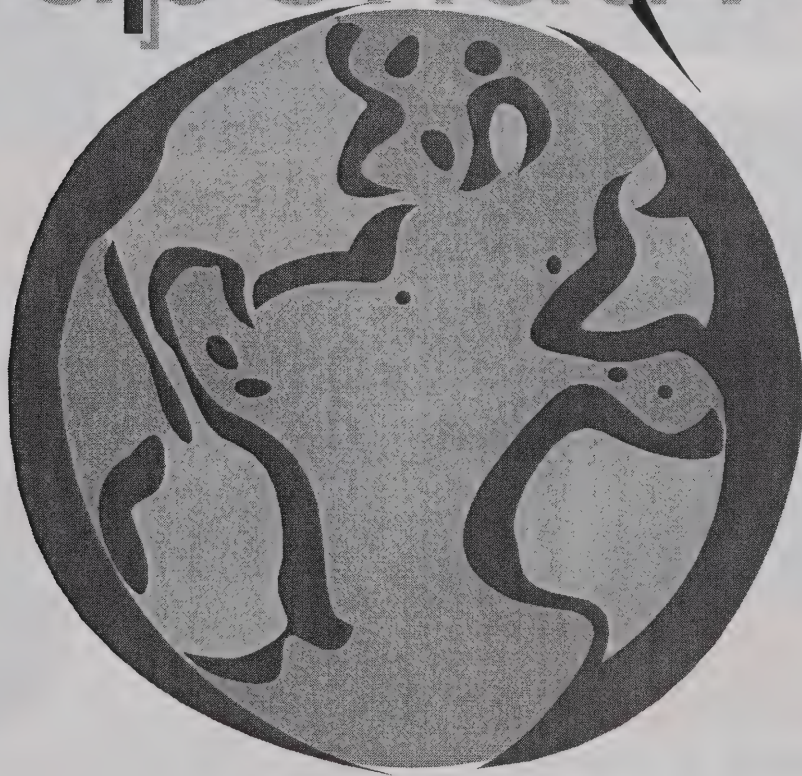
Ms. Richerson
Substitutes



Cafeteria Staff



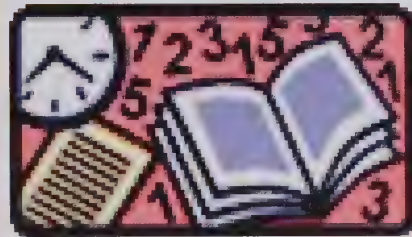
Superlatives



MOST LIKELY



Smartest Students
Samada & Jelani



Most Talented
Derrick & Armani



Drama King & Queen
Naim & Yasmine



Class Clown
Ibn & Tyneida





SHHH

Quietest
Piergino & Jasmine



Loudest
Lorenzo & Cyntya



Student Government



Officers



L.E.A.P.S.

Life Earth and Physical Science Club



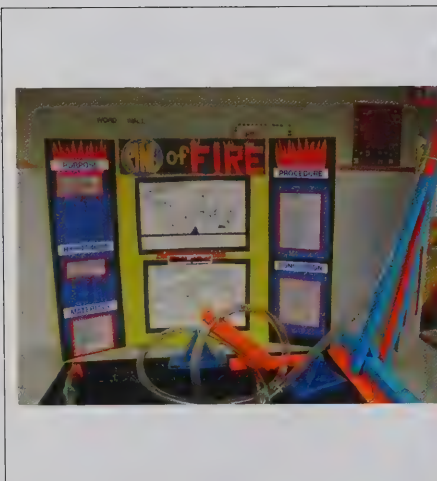
The Volcano



Motto

Leaping into Science.

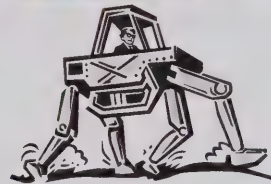
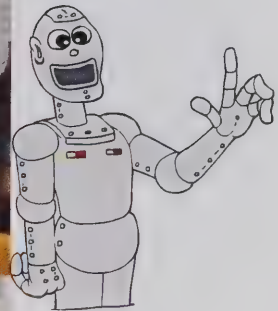
Mr. Solomon adviser



The Roller Coaster
"The Ring of Fire"



Robotics



SWAT TEAM

Students Working to Advance Technology



SWAT Administrators



Computer Fair Team



Kid Biz Winners



Space Day 2005
Champions

Black Male Institute

Brotherhood



Unity

Empowerment



The Application of Right Knowledge

G Best Friends

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Building
Leaders...



Through
Sisterhood!

Do something



Debate



Viking Teams



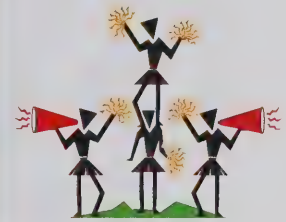
Lady Vikings Basketball Team



Boys Basketball Team



CHEERLEADERS

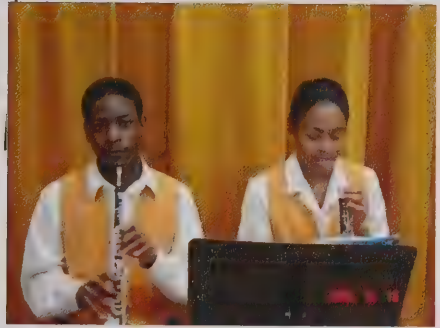


Go VMS !

Chess Club



The Band



Attendance Club



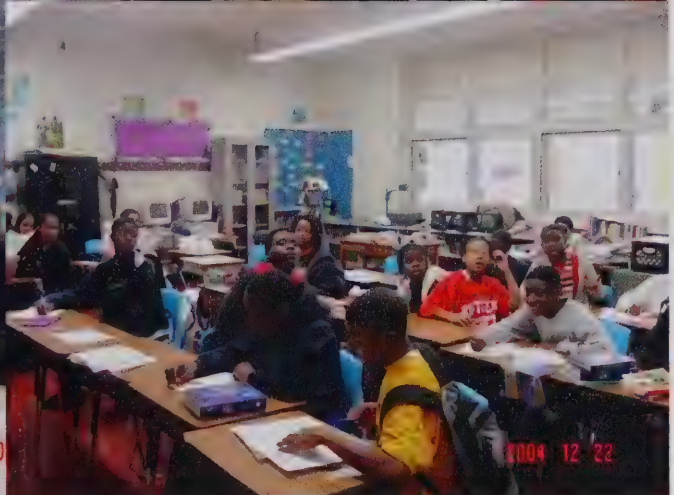
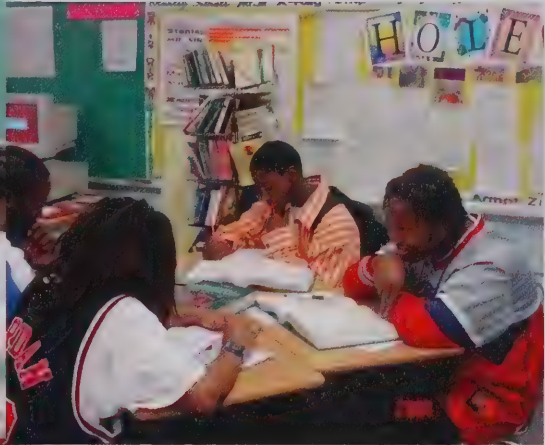
Come to School on Time EVERY DAY.

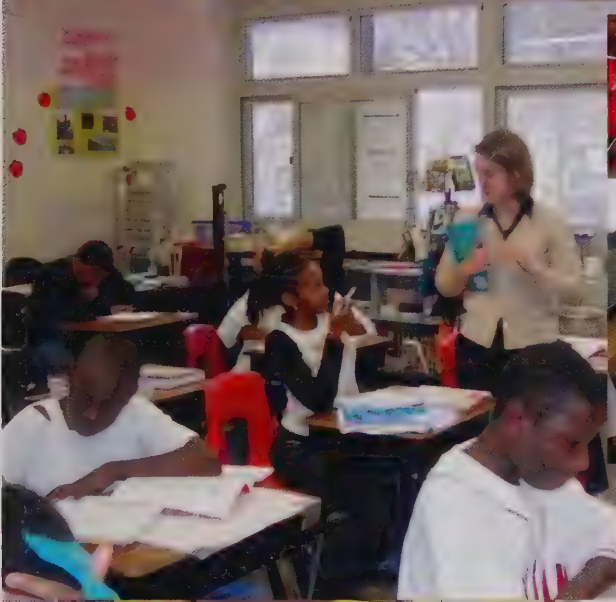
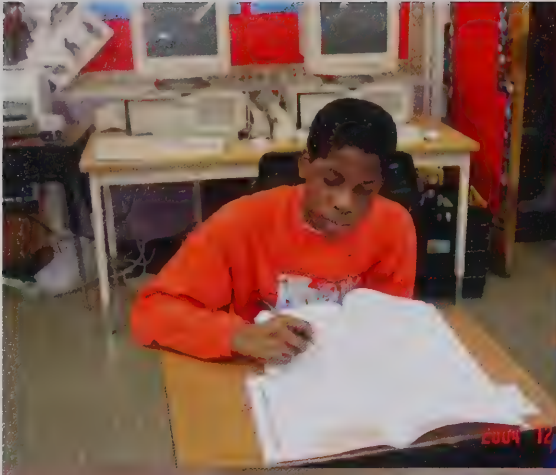


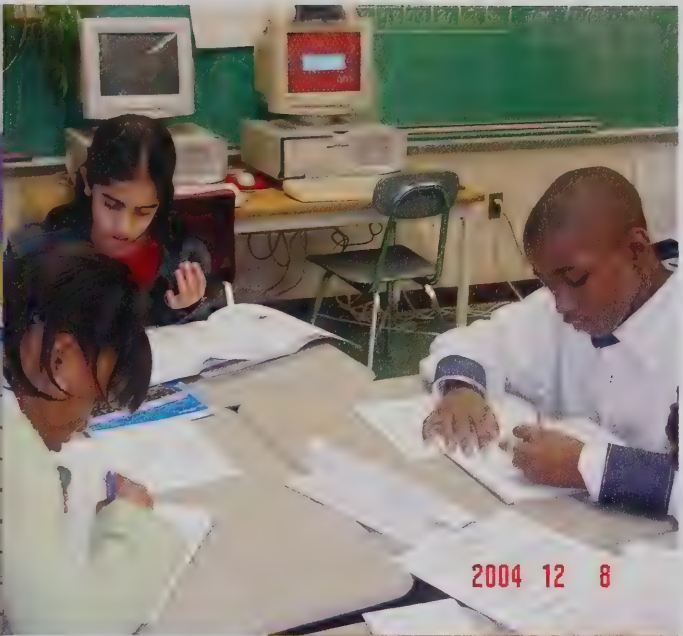
Moments to Remember

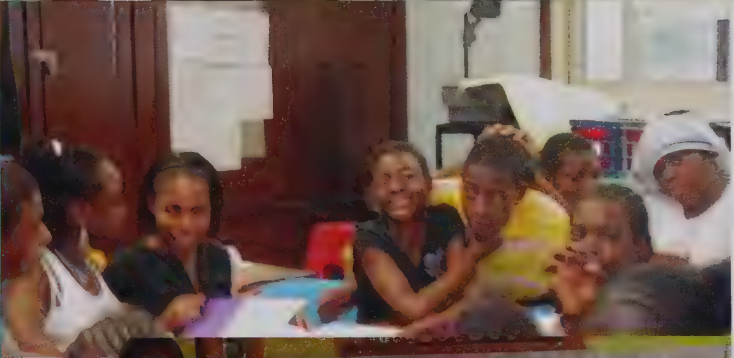
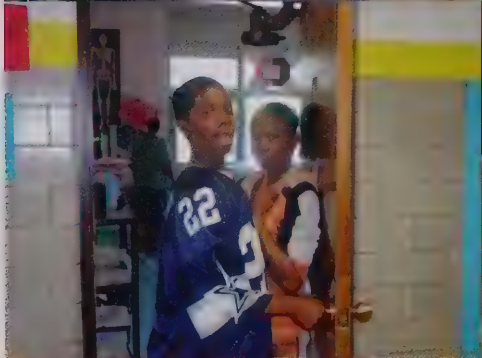


8th Graders



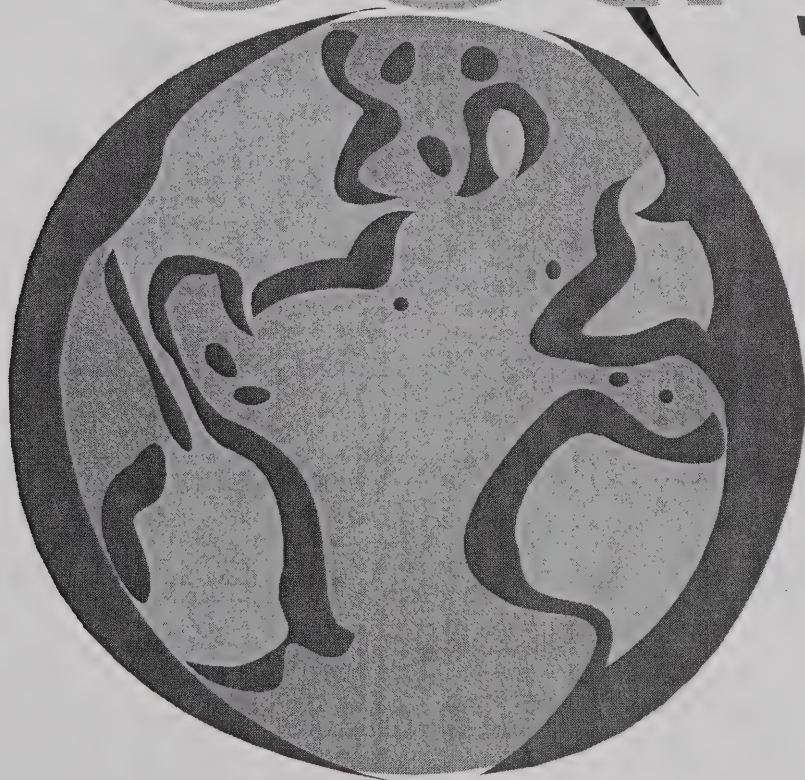








Poetry



Being a Student Is

By Mariam Tariq

Hard, work, school

Work, school, goals

School, goals, education

Goals, education, success

Education, success, believe

Success, accomplish, believe

Accomplish, believe, achieve

Just Because...

By Fantasia Short
HR 317

Just Because I'm American
Don't judge me
Don't tell me I'm dependent
Don't think I need power.

Just Because I'm American
It doesn't mean I know it all
It doesn't mean I'm not thoughtful
It doesn't mean I couldn't be your ally
It doesn't mean I'm not peaceful.

Just Because I'm American
Still let me help you
Still let me be successful.

Just Because I'm American—Still show me respect.

Haiku

By Khajuaan Walker

Sun Rise

Brighter then bright today

Rising across the world slowly

The sun is here hot and sunny

Spring Leaves

Falling really slow

Slowly moving in motions

It's colors are true

Grass

Greener the green nice

Needs lots of appreciation

It's home for bugs

I Don't Understand

By Neville Joseph

I don't understand

why grown people curse
why terrorists remain on the earth
why blacks are mean to each other
why we can't love one other

But most of all

why innocent people die each day
why we can't throw guns away
why people have frowns
why the twin towers got knocked down

What I understand most is

why kids should learn
why parents are firm
why we are sisters and brothers
why we should love one another

I don't Understand

By Nickchelle Reed

I don't understand why people die
why kids grow up all alone
why parents are gone
I don't understand

I don't understand why people are homeless
why people eat out trash cans
why people don't shake hands
I don't understand

I don't understand why kids lives are messed up
Because they feel bad for the things they their
parents have done
I don't understand

I don't understand those things
But I do understand that I am **Somebody**

I Don't Understand

By Yaeesha Featherstone

I don't understand
Why people hate so much
Why people kill each other
Why people put their lives on the line
Why people hurt others in certain ways

But most of all
Why the war is still going on
Why people think that money is easy to come by
Why people choose to take drugs instead of living a
good life
Why people choose to let their kids witness thing
they should not

What I understand most is
Why schools do their best to support students
Why do people choose to loose their life at a young
age
Why people fight for what they feel
Why the voters voted Bush as our president

I Don't Understand

By Chaddike Gordon
Hr 312

I don't understand why birds fly.
I don't understand why people cry.
Why there were never no black presidents.
Why is Earth the only planet with oxygen.
I don't understand why people have to be this disrespectful.

I Understand

I understand why kids go to school.
I understand why birds sing.
I understand why kids have to be respectful to adults.
I understand why people get cancer.
I understand why most people are so smart.

I'm a Haitian

By Patricia Rene

Just because I'm Haitian

Doesn't mean that I'm mean

Just because I speak different

Just because I'm Haitian I'm proud

Just because things look different to me doesn't
mean that you have to bully me.

Just because I have an accent doesn't mean I can't
learn.

Just because I'm Haitian I'm **PROUD**

Your Mind

By Jovaugn Robinson

Your Mind

The most powerful thing in time

Something that keeps you away from crime

Going to jail spending life or time

When you used your mind

Your future will unwind

Making you move forward like a straight line

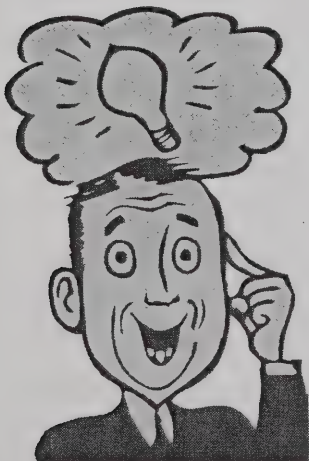
Never take a step back

But just keep on going toward in time

Never listening from anybody from behind

Just keep your head up and

Listen to your Mind



Bugs

By Kevin Terry

Big, Venomous

Hunting, Killing, Attacking

Ugly, creepy, dangerous, deadly

Funnel Web Spider

Feline

Big, powerful

Fighting, mating, sleeping

A very crazy animal

Lion

Snake

Long, aggressive

Hissing, killing, hunting

A very, very, dangerous snake

Black Mamba





Just For Laughs

The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the yearbook. "Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, 'There's Jennifer; she's a lawyer,' or 'That's Michael, he's a doctor.'"

A small voice from the back of the room rang out, "And there's the teacher; she's still old, nasty, and wrinkled"



Finding one of her students making faces at others on the playground, Ms. Smith stopped to gently reprove the child.

Smiling sweetly, the schoolteacher said, Johnny, when I was a child, I was told if that I made ugly faces, it would freeze and I would stay like that.

Johnny looked up and replied, Well, Ms. Smith, you can't say you weren't warned.

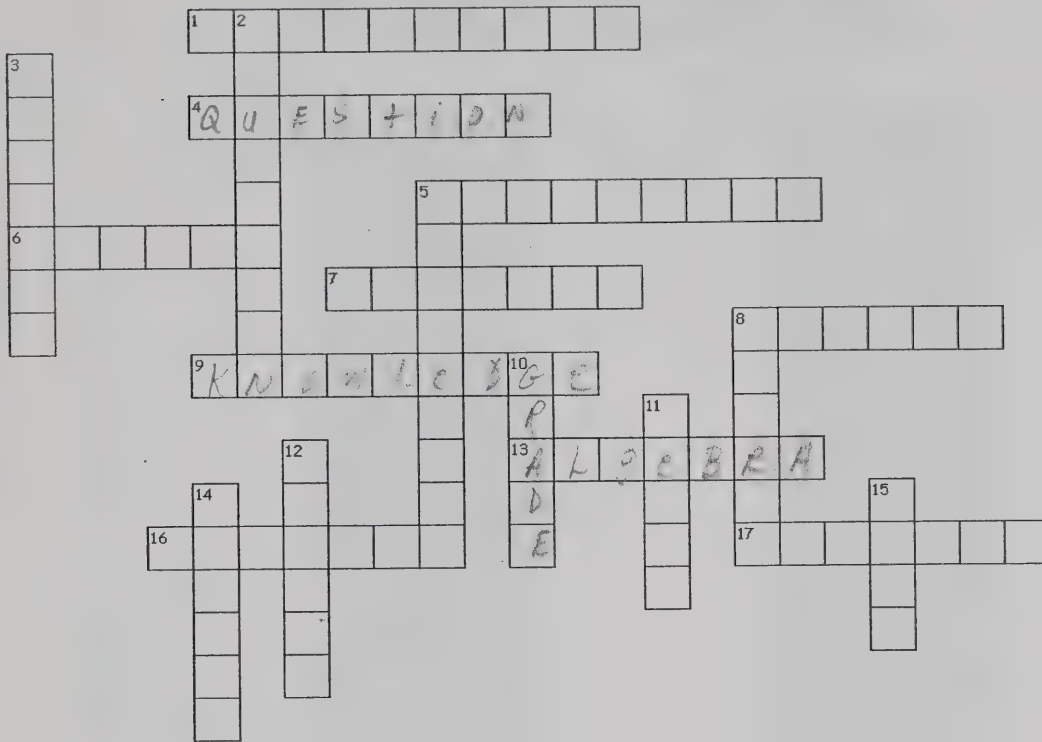
TEACHER: What is the chemical formula for water?

SARAH: "HIJKLMNO"!

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

SARAH: Yesterday you said its H to O!

Viking Words to Know



Across	Down
1. Advanced man-made materials used to supply needs.	2.The knowledge or skill that a person gains.
4. Something asked in order to find an answer.	3. A person attending some type of school devoted to learning.
5. Strongly desirous-eager.	
6. A strong attempt.	5. General education preparing students for college.
7. An educator by profession.	8. Games that require physical activity.
8.Higher rank or position after years of experience.	10. A number or letter showing how well a student has worked.
9. What is known from understanding, experience, studying, or awareness?	11. To gain knowledge or skill.
13. The branch of mathematics in which quantities and the relationships between them are shown by letters, numbers, and symbols.	12. Being the only one of it's kind.
16. We are the Vailsburg _____.	14. Common sense or sound judgment.
17.The study of nature and the universe.	15. The Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment.

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Our Favorites

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SONG(S): _____

SINGER(S): _____

SNEAKER(S): _____

SPORT(S): _____

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ICE CREAM(S): _____

EXPRESSION(S): _____

T.V.SHOW(S): _____

GROUP(S): _____

Ms H Lynch

Words From Teachers

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